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Re application of: **Tapani LEVOLA**

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For: **DIFFRACTIVE GRATING ELEMENT FOR BALANCING
DIFFRACTION EFFICIENCY**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows: